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Fr: Brig. Gen. K.B. Wolfe

Chief, Prod. Div., WF

To: Mr. Donald Douglas

Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.

Santa Monica, Cal.

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Prod. Div. (WF) stated that the number of engineers, particularly tooling engineers, assigned to the A-26 was not acceptable in comparison to the number assigned to other projects such as the DC-3, C-74, and B-17F, and requested that production of the A-26 airplane be given first preference. Prod. Div. directed Douglas to transfer at least two-thirds of the personnel listed in each category on the C-74 project to the A-26 project and stated that the various development armament arrangements of the A-26 should be made secondary to the production airplane. All engineers whose efforts on the experimental A-26 airplanes were not applicable to the production airplane were to be transferred to the A-26 project, and no engineers were to be utilized in improving crew comfort or arrangement in cargo airplanes unless specifically authorized by Mat. Center.

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SUBJECT: Engineering Personnel and Loading

TO: Mr. Donald Douglas,
Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.,
Santa Monica, California.

THROUGH: AAF Resident Representative,
Douglas, Santa Monica.

1. Reference is made to your letter A-25-AN-71, dated November 18, 1942, above subject. The personnel breakdown included with that letter is not acceptable to the Materiel Center. The number of engineers, particularly tooling engineers, assigned to such projects as the DC-3, SB2, SB2D, C-74, and B-17F does not appear to be consistent with the number assigned to the A-26 project. It is desired that the production of the A-26 airplane be given the highest possible order of preference. A proper reassignment of the engineers under the above categories should expedite this project.
2. It is absolutely essential that the A-26 production schedules of both the Long Beach and Tulsa plants be accelerated at least four months to yield the following combined schedule: June, 1943 - 5; July - 11; August - 17; September - 35; October - 70; November - 100; December - 125; up to an ultimate rate of 500 per month.
3. In order to accomplish this objective the contractor is directed to transfer to the A-26 project at least two-thirds of the personnel now listed in each category of the above reference personnel breakdown on the C-74 project. Steps will be taken immediately to close out all work on the XCG-7 and XCG-8 Glider project. All effort on the various development armament arrangements of the A-26 airplane should be made secondary to the present version of the production airplane. Any engineers now being utilized on the three experimental A-26 airplanes whose efforts are not applicable to the A-26 production airplane should be transferred to the latter project. No engineers are to be utilized to accomplish improvements in crew comforts or arrangement in any Cargo airplanes except as specifically authorized by the Materiel Center.
4. The contractor is requested to forward to the Materiel Center, Department 3-3, a revision of the reference personnel breakdown on the fifth of each month. This report is to be as of the first of each month

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and should include a supplemental detailed breakdown of engineers on each phase of the experimental and production A-26 airplanes.

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